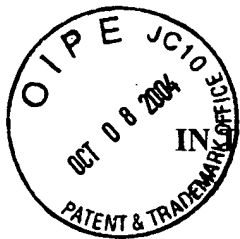


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop: AMENDMENT
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

1. We enclose the following documents:
 - Amendment Transmittal (3 pages, *in duplicate*)
 - Amendment in Response to Office Action dated July 14, 2004 (9 pgs)
 - Return postcard

STATUS

2. Applicant


_____ claims small entity status.
☒ is other than a small entity.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated below in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop: AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) _____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
_____ first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
_____ second month	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
_____ third month	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
_____ fourth month	\$1,480.00	\$ 740.00
_____ fifth month	\$2,010.00	\$ 1,005.00

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

_____ An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid
therefor \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months
of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____.

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this
conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that
applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension
of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL	18	MINUS	19	= 00	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
INDEP.	4	MINUS	3	= 1	x \$43 = \$		x \$88 = \$88.00
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$145 = \$		+ \$290 = \$
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$88.00

- (a) ☐ No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

- (b) ☒ Total additional fee for claims required \$ 88.00

FEE PAYMENT

5. ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____
- ☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$88.00.
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

FEE DEFICIENCY

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.
7. ☐ Other:



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